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**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed January 25, 2011 describing the Interview of January 18, 2011, Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Interview Summary. However, Applicant notes that no Interview was conducted as noted in the Summary.

The purpose of permitting Interviews with the Examiner is so that Applicant may discuss present and proposed claims and claim amendments with the Examiner, so that each might learn the other's point of view, and both may discuss the claims. Written submissions and arguments, in contrast do not permit a simultaneous discussion of both points of view and possible resolution. Written submissions merely restate each person's position.

The Interview Summary states that a telephonic Interview will not be granted "as the Examiner is not convinced that disposal or clarification for appeal may be accomplished with only nominal further consideration". It appears that the Examiner has made a decision before the Interview and therefore refuses the Interview. Further Applicant did not, nor did the Examiner propose "nominal" further consideration, a term without definition, but in the context of what was written, suggests providing substantially no consideration. Applicant does not want "nominal" consideration. Applicant wants adequate consideration.

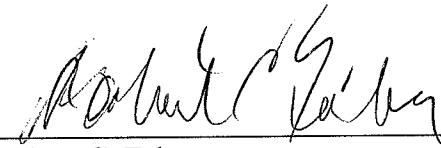
In support of seeking adequate consideration, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination. The Examiner has dismissed Applicant's amendment of claim 8

because the arguments are already of record. Without arguments being of record, there would be nothing to discuss.

The Applicants would like a full and fair opportunity to present their position, present their claim amendments, have the full consideration to which Applicants should be entitled and for which the Interview and Written Response procedure is provided by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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